

Egypto-Soviet talks continue

CAIRO, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Shoukry continued talks here today with Mikhail Sytenko, head of the Soviet foreign ministry's Middle East department. Today's meeting, the second since Mr. Sytenko arrived Tuesday, lasted two hours, sources said. The sources said the men exchanged views on reconvening the stalled Geneva peace conference. Mr. Fahmy, the sources added, stressed Egypt's insistence that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) be included in any reconvened talks on an equal footing with all other parties. Yesterday, Mr. Sytenko held a five-hour meeting with Mr. Fahmy. The Soviet delegation was scheduled to leave here tomorrow for Amman. It then will go on to Damascus before returning to Moscow, according to Mr. Sytenko.

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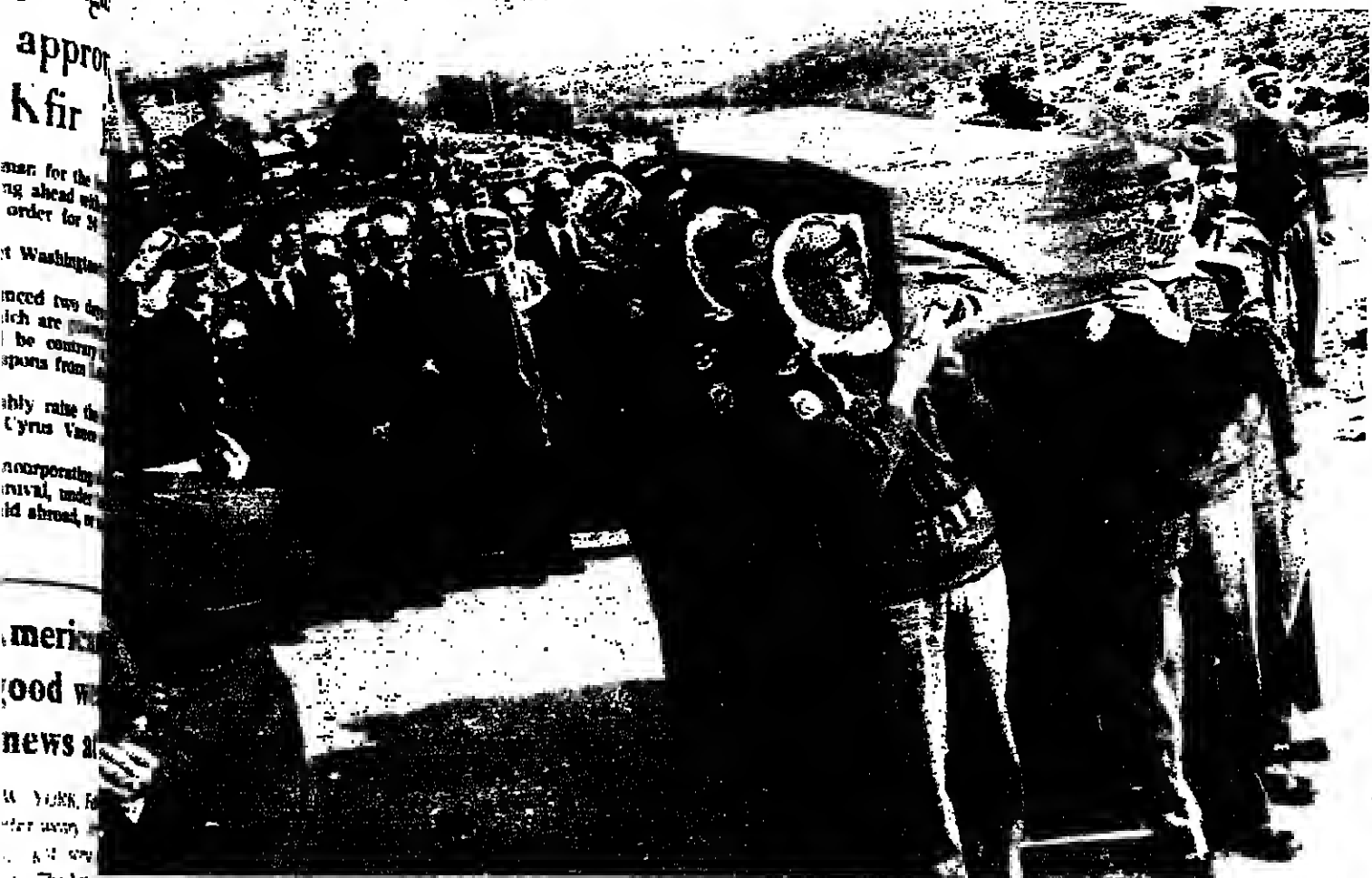
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Israeli prison policy rapped

GENEVA, Feb. 10 (R). — The United Nations Human Rights Commission voted today to send Israel an urgent call to "refrain from ill-treatment" of Arab detainees in its prisons. Voting was 22 to three, with five abstentions, after behind-the-scenes efforts failed to reach agreement on a text without taking the issue to a ballot. Two of the 32 states on the commission did not take part in the roll-call vote. The United States, which voted against the move with Canada and Costa Rica, said it opposed the decision because the commission used Israeli sources to back the allegations but ignored evidence which allegedly supported Israel.

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Thousands sorrowfully pay their last respects as Queen Alya is buried at Hashimiyeh Palace



King Hussein stands behind soldiers who carry the coffin of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya to its final resting place Thursday. To his immediate right is the father of the Queen. (JNA photos).

AMMAN (JT). — Her Majesty the late Queen Alya was buried Thursday in the wooded parkland grounds of Al Hashimiyeh Palace that His Majesty King Hussein had built for her after their marriage in 1972.

The King crumbled a few hits of earth over the coffin, reciting verses from the Quran in a voice made hoarse by emotion. Syria's President Hafez Assad and other Arab and Palestinian notables joined him in the recitation.

"During the short time we were together, Alya gave me and brought me many things," the King declared in an official statement.

The Queen's coffin was brought to the park of Al Hashimiyeh Palace on a gun carriage from the hospital where her body was taken on Wednesday.

She was killed while returning from the town of Tafleeh near the Dead Sea after taking medical aid to a stricken person. Health Minister Dr. Mohammed Bashir, a doctor and the helicopter pilot were also killed in the crash.

The funeral cortege did not go through downtown Amman. The city's streets were almost deserted as a sign of mourning for the Queen.

The Queen was buried in accordance with Islamic laws laying down that burial must take place "before the setting of the sun" on the day after death.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, who played host to King Hussein and Queen Alya in Damascus only last Sunday, stood beside the King as the coffin was lowered into a simple hill-top grave.

Few other foreign leaders had time to reach Amman for the burial ceremony. An exception was West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, who cancelled an official two-day visit to Jordan scheduled to begin Thursday, but flew from Damascus to represent his country at the funeral.

Empress Farah of Iran arrived at Al Hashimiyeh Palace, 17 kms west of here, as a 21-gun salute signalled the lowering of the coffin.

Four officers of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) helped four Jordanian soldiers to carry her from hospital to a mosque for prayer ceremonies.

PLA commander Maj-Gen. Mishal Al Budeiri was present as the gun carriage bearing the Queen's coffin was drawn slowly past ranks of saluting troops to the palace.

King Hussein, wearing a dark civilian suit, was accompanied by President Assad in the first car behind the bier as a lone trumpeter played a lament en route to the graveside.

Herr Genscher came behind in the second car, and some 4,000 vehicles followed the cortege as the Queen's subjects came to pay their last respects.

The other three victims of the helicopter crash in which



A grief-stricken King Hussein (far left) watches the coffin of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya being lowered into the ground.

the Queen died were buried in the Royal Cemetery.

The King told Presses that he still did not fully know the accident. Some reports have said it was struck by lightning.

Al Sha'b newspaper reported details of the sorrowful death of Queen Alya. It said that radio contact with the helicopter, which was led by Air Lt-Col. Badr Za'za, who is King Hussein's aide, was lost at about 17:15 hours. The helicopter crashed in the area, one

kilometre from the main road which is at 20 kms from Amman.

Security forces patrols in the area saw the wreckage of the craft burning. Rescue cars went immediately to the scene and extinguished the fire, and the bodies of the Queen, Minister of Health Dr. Mohammed Al Bashir, Lt-Col. Zaza and Lt-Col. Muhammad Alkhas were removed to the Hussein Medical City in Amman.

King Hussein, Prime Minister Badran and other top officials had started off for the scene of the accident soon after the radio contact was lost. The newspaper said that the King later went to the medical city and cast the last glance on the Queen's body.

According to the newspaper, Queen Alya and her companions had taken the helicopter from the Amman military airport at about 1500 hours for the town of Tafleeh, where she inspected the hospital, gave money and presents, and ordered that certain demands by the hospital be met. In the evening, she took off for the return journey in stormy and rainy weather.



Prayers are held prior to the burial ceremony Thursday.

Expressions of international sympathy, condolences pour in to Hashemite Court

MAN (JT, Agencies). — Expressions of condolences on death of Her Majesty the Queen Alya were received from all corners of the globe.

In Hassan of Morocco, Emperor Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran and King Juan Carlos of Spain Thursday conveyed King Hussein by telephone and expressed sympathy for the death of Queen Alya.

In Washington, the State Department expressed deep sadness over the death of Queen Alya, describing it as a "tragic loss for His Majesty King Hussein and the country."

An official statement issued in hours of the Queen's death said that President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance would send their personal condolences to the Queen and her family, the families of the other victims and to Jordanian people.

We are deeply saddened by the untimely death of Queen Alya and of the other victims of the helicopter crash, the statement said.

"It is a tragic loss for King Hussein and for his country."

In London, British Prime Minister James Callaghan has sent a message of deepest sympathy to King Hussein on the death of Queen Alya. British officials said today.

In Tokyo, Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako of Japan sent a telegram of condolence to King Hussein, the Imperial Household agency said.

Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko and Prince and Princess Mikasa also sent separate telegrams of condolence.

Memorial services

Memorial services will be held in all Jordanian mosques today, Friday, on the souls of Queen Alya, Health Minister Dr. Mohammed Al Bashir, and Lt-Col. Badr Za'za and Muhammad Alkhas.

In Canberra, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser expressed shock and sadness at the death of Queen Alya.

In a message of condolence to King Hussein, Mr. Fraser recalled the royal couple's visit to Australia last year. "She won hearts during her visit to Australia with her grace and charm," he said.

The message added: "I was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of Queen Alya in the tragic accident."

"I convey to you and your family and to the people of Jordan the deepest sympathy of myself and my wife, and the heartfelt condolence of the Australian government."

In Vienna, Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger called his "deep condolences" to King Hussein.

In Manila, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos conveyed to King Hussein his deepest sympathy and those of the Filipino people.

The Queen had accompanied King Hussein on a two-day visit to Manila in February last year.

"Please accept our deepest sympathy and friendship in this moment of sorrow," President Marcos said.

In Colombo, Sri Lanka President William Gopallawa and Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike have sent messages to King Hussein expressing

shock and sorrow at the death of Queen Alya, the Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry said.

In Tehran, the Shah and Empress Farah also sent a condolence message to King Hussein, expressing profound shock and sorrow at the "tragic death of our beloved sister."

The Jordanian embassy in Tehran announced that a condolence book will be opened at the ambassador's residence for three days from Friday.

Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari, former Mayor of Hebron in the occupied West Bank, left today for Amman to express his condolences to King Hussein.

Condolences schedule

AMMAN (JT). — The Royal Hashemite Court has announced that condolences on the death of Queen Alya will be according to the following schedule:

— For men, at the Raghdan Palace on Friday and Saturday from 1000-1200 hours and from 1600-1900 hours. Later, a special condolence register will be available at the Royal Court until the end of the 40-day mourning period.

— For women, at the Royal Guest House on Friday and Saturday from 1000-1200 hours and from 1600-1900 hours.

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALYA

Waldheim reportedly tells Israelis that PLO, Arabs would accept West Bank state

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 10 (Agencies). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim told Israeli leaders today the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had informed him it no longer sought to establish a secular state for all of Palestine, United Nations sources said.

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Israel says this would mean an end to its existence. The Palestine National Council-in-exile, meets in Cairo next month to decide whether to change of policy, which is being opposed by the more radical "rejectionist" front of PLO.

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which wants recognition of its political status by Israel, refuses to go to Geneva as long as the peace talks are held under the terms of two Security Council resolutions passed after the Middle East wars of 1967 and 1973.

Mr. Waldheim flew here from Amman today and had a two-hour meeting this morning with Foreign Minister Allon.

Mr. Waldheim said after the meeting that the foreign minister's statement rejecting the role of the United Nations in the Middle East peace negotiating process was "brought up and duly clarified."

But Israeli government sources said the minister made it clear that Israel would only attend the Geneva Middle East conference on the basis of the 1973 U.N. resolution on the Middle East.

Mr. Allon, they said, totally rejected last autumn's General Assembly resolution affirming Palestinian rights and criticizing Israel.

According to the sources, Mr.

Allon reiterated Israel's rejection of a Palestine Liberation Organisation presence at the Geneva conference and of a single Arab delegation including PLO representatives.

After his discussions with Mr. Allon today, Mr. Waldheim said it was "too early to judge" whether a compromise could be reached between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

Mr. Waldheim was due to meet Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin this evening.

Security precautions were stepped up in the occupied West Bank today after the widespread distribution of unsigned leaflets calling for demonstrations during Mr. Waldheim's visit.

Extra army patrols were out. Most shops in Nablus, the largest West Bank town, were closed in response to strike calls. But shop-keepers in other towns and villages opened after keeping the shutters down for about two hours.

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NEWS FOCUS

Both India and Pakistan hold elections in March; both will re-elect leaders

By Gwynne Dyer

One of the great tragedies of the 20th century is the fact that the two great powers, India and Pakistan, are both scheduled to hold elections in March. There is no doubt that both will re-elect their leaders. Indeed, there are many who doubt that they will not.

The Indian government has just announced that it will hold elections in March. The government is led by Indira Gandhi, who has been in power since 1971. She has a strong record of leadership and is expected to be re-elected.

The Pakistani government has also announced that it will hold elections in March. The government is led by Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who has been in power since 1973. He has a strong record of leadership and is expected to be re-elected.

Both India and Pakistan are large, powerful countries. They are both members of the United Nations and the Non-Aligned Movement. They are both important players in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean region.

They were a few years ago. Mrs. Gandhi has used the emergency regulations for a much-publicised crackdown on the immense network of official and private corruption that cripples India (except, of course, in her own Congress Party).

Congress will easily win two-thirds of the votes in India, and Mr. Bhutto's People's Party should do at least as well in Pakistan. Afterwards, if she feels the need, Mrs. Gandhi can reimpose censorship and arrest all the opposition politicians again.

Mr. Bhutto can go as far down the road as the Indian prime minister with equal impunity, if he chooses, and he has already travelled some distance. The great mass of the population in either country, struggling to win a scanty living from the land, would scarcely notice, and it would certainly not object.

Democratic politics in poor countries, we are often told, is merely the concern of elites. It is mainly a contest to see which bunch of privileged and corrupt politicians can get its trotters in the trough. A single party and leader, unhindered by wasteful opposition, can work far more efficiently to develop the economy.

There is some truth in this, but it leaves out one vital fact about the sub-continent. There are four distinct languages and cultures in Pakistan, and at least 13 major ones in India. The distance and the differences between the Hindi-speaking majority of North India and, say, the Tamil speakers of Madras are as great as those between Germany and Greece.

The Hindi-speakers dominate in India by reason of history and of numbers, as the Punjabis do in Pakistan. But at least in a democratic system the smaller groups (not all that small — there are 40 million Tamils) can have a share in public life, and come to feel part of the system and the nation.

A semi-dictatorial one-party state drives them in the opposite direction. In southern India, the Congress Party is seen as the institutional expression of 'Hindi imperialism'; in Pakistan, the People's Party is almost exclusively Punjabi. If these parties exclude all others at the centre, and then go on to destroy autonomy in the minority areas, it is potentially catastrophic.

vinces by Mr. Bhutto, and then banned nationally in February 1975. Practically all its leaders are in prison.

In Tamil Nadu, the most politically conscious of the non-Hindi-speaking states of south India, there was a powerful agitation for secession in the 1960s. It was only stifled by the election of a Tamil pro-autonomy party to power in 1967. But Mrs. Gandhi, in perfect step with Mr. Bhutto, arrested the leaders of that party in February 1975, and put the state under the emergency rule of a Congress government.

Such actions may seem a natural part of the semi-dictatorial pattern, but they are simply asking for trouble. Pakistan above all should know better: it was the twelve years of Punjab-dominated military dictatorship after 1958 that hopelessly alienated the Bengalis of East Pakistan, and led to the splitting of the country and the birth of Bangladesh.

Even now the Pakistani government is fighting a low-level insurgency in Baluchistan. Southern India, without any neighbours to lend assistance, is not so likely to develop into a secessionist threat quickly. But Delhi should not forget that it is the first northern-based government in Indian history to rule the south, and that it owes that distinction not to its own irresistible popularity but to British imperial power.

Whatever the faults of democracy in Pakistan and India, it gives the minority peoples a sense of belonging. Whatever the virtues of authoritarian rule, it inevitably alienates them and that is potentially fatal to national unity.

The time-scale for such developments is long — perhaps five years, perhaps 20 — but the result almost certain. If India and Pakistan cannot break the pattern of authoritarianism, centralised rule that they are falling into, they will sooner or later face major secessionist challenges.

APOLOGY

The Jordan Times apologises for the absence today of Jenab Tutunji's weekly column. In Perspective, which usually appears on this page, and assures fans and readers that it will appear as usual next Friday.

How far will it affect American policy that Carter chose most of his men from one distinct group

Many of the men Mr. Carter has picked to fill leading positions in his government belong to a little known but influential group of 240 top people from Japan, Western Europe and the U.S. It includes financiers, industrialists, executives of multinational corporations and press and government figures.

By Robert A. Manning

WASHINGTON (Gemin) — Some key members of President Jimmy Carter's cabinet, his National Security Council and several other officials he has appointed have one intriguing thing in common — they are members of a little-known but highly influential group called the Trilateral Commission.

They include Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Defence Secretary Harold S. Brown, National Security Adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, Mr. Carter's chief campaign foreign policy adviser Paul Warnke, and several others.

The Trilateral Commission is one of the most exclusive fraternities in the world. It has 80 members each from Western Europe, Japan, and North America.

They consist of industrialists, financiers, executives from leading multinational corporations and senior figures in the press and in government.

As its name suggests, the commission seeks to forge a concert of the advanced capitalist nations to coordinate policies on international issues such as the new international economic order, the Soviet Union, the OPEC nations and so forth.

The impetus for the Trilateral Commission came, it seems, from a series of speeches given by Mr. David Rockefeller in late 1972 at forums of the Chase Manhattan Bank (of which Mr. Rockefeller is Chairman) advocating the need for closer cooperation between the advanced industrialised nations.

Trilateral was formed under the aegis of Mr. Rockefeller himself in 1973, but the organisation itself was the brainchild of Brzezinski, a leading academic on Communist affairs and former adviser to the State Department who, until he resigned in 1976 to devote more time to the Carter campaign, was the director of the Trilateral Commission.

Mr. Jimmy Carter was a founding member of the commission. Vice President Walter Mondale is also a member. Among the leading American members of the commission are Mr. J. Paul Austin, head of Coca-Cola Corporation, Mr. Alden Clausen, head of Bank of America, and Mr. J.K. Jamieson, former head of Exxon, the world's largest corporation.

Among the European and Japanese members are Mr. Giovanni Agnelli, President of Fiat; Lord Harech of Britain's Harlech Television; Mr. A.F. Tuke, head of Barclay's Bank; French financier Edmond de Rothschild; Mr. Sumio Hara,

head of the Bank of Tokyo; Mr. Chujiro Fujino, Chairman of Mitsubishi Corporation; Mr. Hiroki Imazato, Chairman of Nippon Sanko, KK; and Mr. Akio Miyazawa, of Sony Corporation.

In Mr. Carter's election autobiography *Why Not the Best?* he spoke unreservedly of how his education in foreign policy came from the commission. One Trilateral official recalled how Mr. Carter "never missed a meeting or seminar." One Carter aide once quipped that "Brzezinski is Jimmy's foreign policy."

Many of the ideas of the Trilateral Commission are not new. They have been part and parcel of U.S. foreign policy, if not so systematically outlined, since World War I.

Some sectors of American governing circles have shown concern about Mr. Carter and some of his advisers, particularly those named for defence and related industries (such as steel) and the Pentagon.

When news that Mr. Carter would appoint Mr. Harold Brown for the defence post began to circulate, the Wall Street Journal said such a prospect was "powerfully disconcerting."

Its contacts in the national security community, the Journal wrote, were "absolutely terrified by the speculation." It explained that "to many of those on the inside of national defence debates he is a skillful advocate of a soft line on defence."

Sudden price-raising by U.S. Steel and other leading steel firms was a show of the lack of confidence in the incoming administration and fear of wage-price controls, which Mr. Carter has said he will try to avoid.

Mr. Vance's choices in defence and foreign policy — Mr. Brown and Mr. Vance — suggest, as did his campaign foreign policy speeches, an aggressive attitude towards arms limitation, and perhaps later on towards actual arms reduction talks with the Soviet Union.

Mr. Vance, a less flamboyant figure than Dr. Kissinger, is not expected to bring any major changes in U.S. policy, other than a subtlety in method. But if — present indications hold — it appears that the first Democratic administration in eight years is not excluding the Washington establishment, despite the fact that Mr. Carter campaigned on an image of a non-corrupted Washington outsider, a non-establishment populist figure.

Mr. Vance is a long-time Washington insider. He was a diplomatic troubleshooter in the Johnson administration in the sixties and is hardly the sort of fiery southern spirit Mr. Carter suggested he would inject into Washington. Mr. Vance was top research official in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, and was air force secretary during the Johnson administration.

Some political analysts sug-



JIMMY CARTER

Life in the face of death

The passing away of Her Majesty Queen Alya is a loss to His Majesty King Hussein and to the people of Jordan, and we join 'be nation in mourning the tragic death that humbles us all before our Creator. The finest manner in which all people can pay tribute to Her Majesty the late Queen is to perpetuate the spirit of compassion and concern that prompted her to make her last fateful journey. If the Queen has died, her people should face the realities of life with an ever greater determination to carry on with the tasks that she would have attended to herself — the tasks of looking to the needs of those who are not well off, of listening to the complaints of those who have reason to complain, and of seeing to the vital requirements of all the people of the nation. In short, in the face of death, tragedy and personal loss, we should double our efforts to ensure life, spread fortune and see to the personal needs of those among whom Queen Alya strove to give life and spread compassion. We think this is as she would have wanted it.

We join our sister Jordanian publications in expressing our sense of loss at the death of Her Majesty the late Queen Alya, and we share the grief of His Majesty King Hussein, the Royal family and all the people and friends of Jordan.

Al Ra'i says that it is the ultimate distress for His Majesty King Hussein to be bereaved of his companion with whom he found happiness and tranquility, and for the Jordanian people to be deprived of their young and humane queen, who was able to infuse in them a spirit of loyalty, sincerity and a quality of generosity.

Queen Alya met with her Creator, carrying in her heart the message of love to the people of the south, to those in Tafleeh, the paper adds.

Words alone cannot express to His Majesty and to the Jordanian people, who share him his grief, the magnitude of the loss. The consolation and comfort which one can give his Majesty seem to lose their impact before his legendary patience and his capacity to stomach distress and still keep marching forward.

To His Majesty, we present our love, as it alone enabled him to hear all the tragedies which he has encountered throughout his life. To late Queen Alya and to those who died with her, we ask God to grant them mercy and forgiveness.

Al Dstour, under the heading "A queen who has honoured all queens by her death," says: There are some tragedies which shake the human soul and make words insufficient to express the sorrow one feels. This is the situation with the tragedy of losing our beloved Queen Alya, who was a sister to every Jordanian, the paper says.

Is there a more wonderful way to die than in the process of fulfilling one's duty to alleviate the misery of others, the paper asks. History will always remember that Queen Alya one day flew to comfort the sick, despite bad weather, and that on her return trip she ascended to heaven. Our children, and those throughout the world, will talk about a lady who lived as a queen in the East, but preferred to face death as an ordinary human being.

The people will weep over you, and if tears cannot change the order of the world, your image will be imprinted on the hearts of the people to whom you belonged and for whom you died, the paper continues.

What can we console His Majesty with? We can only say that his tragedy is that of the nation, and that Alya has left behind her a great void and permanent sorrow. But while expressing to him our condolences, we at the same time look up to him to provide us with the means to endure our tragedy, for he has always taught us to hear our misfortunes.

Al Sha'b, under the heading "An example during her life and in her death," asks whether we have really lost the humane queen, who loved this country and those living on its soil. No, we have not lost her, the paper adds, for her memory will remain engraved in every Jordanian heart and she will remain an example to be followed.

During her lifetime, she has taught us how to devote one's life to the prosperity of one's country and how happiness lies in extending love to others. Her Majesty was always ready to provide help for those in need, to encourage social activities and to instill confidence and tranquility in children, the paper says.

By her death she has taught us the true meaning of duty. We do not say this to diminish the impact of the tragedy, for the meaning of her death has a greater effect on us than the tragedy itself. Our only consolation will be that, as she was an example to be followed during her lifetime, so she was also by her death, the paper concludes.

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8:00 News in Arabic

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4:00 News

8:00 News summary

9:00 News

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16:00 Kuwait (KAC)
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17:00 Cairo
17:05 Jeddah, Tabuk, Medina (SDI)
17:15 Paris, Rome
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8:45 Cairo (EA)
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10:30 Cairo
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14:45 Damascus (SAA)
16:45 Kuwait (KAC)
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20:15 VOA World Report
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05:30 World News, 24 hours
05:45 Sarah Ward
05:55 The World Today
06:00 News, Press Review
06:30 My Kind of Music
07:30 News, 24 hours
07:45 Sarah Ward
07:55 Merchant Navy Programme
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The grief and sorrow of a royal funeral



The assembled mourners say prayers in front of Queen Alya's grave.



The coffin of Dr. Mohammad Al Bashir is lowered into the grave.



Lt.-Col. Muhammad Alkhas' father breaks down in tears.



The funeral cortege slowly moves forward.



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Abortive coup highlights continuing fragility of Benin's Marxist regime

Benin is the most coup-prone of all African countries. It has had six in 17 years. Recently an invasion by troops which landed at the main airport was repelled. Who was behind it? In recent years the regime of President Kerekou has alienated many of the country's elite and a large number of exiles are living in France and neighbouring Togo.

By Augustine Oyowe

LONDON, (Gemin) — The recent invasion of Cotonou, the capital of the West African People's Republic of Benin, points out again the threats facing the four-year-old regime of President Mathieu Kerekou.

According to a government communiqué, a group of "mercenaries" (blacks and whites) "in the pay of international imperialists" arrived at Cotonou airport on Jan. 16 in a DC-8 aircraft.

After a brief encounter with the Benin army, the communiqué claimed, the invaders fled towards the country's border with Togo. Where the aircraft went is still unknown.

Government investigations are underway, but it is unlikely that enough evidence will emerge to unravel the mystery.

The People's Republic of Benin (formerly Dahomey) is one of Africa's smallest countries. It has an area of 113,048 sq. kms. and an estimated population of three million. Since becoming independent from France in 1960, it has had at least six coups — a record in Africa.

President Kerekou himself came to power in an October 1972 coup. Although his regime has lasted longer than any in the past 16 years it has been marked by discoveries of plots, rumours of coups and a general sense of insecurity.

Barely a year after the president came to power, the government announced the discovery of a plot involving Col. Alphonse Alley, a former head of state, who in 1968 tried unsuccessfully to return Benin to democratic life. Alley had called a presidential election, but because of high abstention he cancelled it and appointed Dr. Emile Zinsou as President.

Dr. Zinsou governed for a year and then was swept out in another coup. He and Alley are now out of the country and over the past three years have been the main external antagonists to the Benin government.

despite political instability).

Within the government and the Benin People's Revolutionary Party (PRPB) there are splits and misunderstandings. When rumours of a coup swept the country in 1975, the man suspected of being its potential leader was Capt. Akpe, who was Minister of Interior and in dispute with the government on a number of issues.

In June, the captain was shot dead by presidential bodyguards. They claimed to have caught him "in bed with the president's wife."

Demands for an enquiry were made, but the government declared the matter closed. Also unaccounted for was a grant of nearly two million naira to Benin by Gen. Gowon's government in Nigeria.

The power of the president's former wife is not being underrated. She is believed still in the country and has great influence with the regime's opponents. She is bitter over her alleged adultery, and her possible collusion with internal plotters cannot be discounted.

In October 1975 President

united or another for complicity.

In the past, it has always been on neighbouring Togo. President Eyadema of Togo was reported by a French journalist as saying the recent invaders were white mercenaries. The promptness of the assertion raised speculation as to why the Togolese head of state should be so interested and well informed.

Relations between Togo and Benin have improved considerably in recent months. A series of border closures between the two countries arising from the accusation that Togo was involved in plots against the Benin government led to the setting up of a joint commis-

sion to foster economic co-operation.

France, it is known, has not been pleased with Benin because of President Kerekou's nationalisation policies. Several French companies have been nationalised. But it was reported recently that France was giving Benin a grant from which it hopes to finance its proposed salary increases for civil servants.

Meanwhile, outside support following the abortive invasion came from several African countries including Nigeria, the Republic of Madagascar, the Polisario movement of Western Sahara and President Sekou Toure's Guinea, which sent troops and materials to Cotonou.

Black-white middle ground looks likely in polarised South Africa

By June Goodwin

The Christian Science Monitor News Service

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — A search is on, both inside and outside this country, for some kind of middle ground where black and white South Africans can meet, talk, and possibly blunt the increasing polarisation of their society.

The most prominent possibility is between white liberals and Inkatha, the National Cultural Liberation Movement of Zulu Chief Gatsha Buthelezi. The white opposition Progressive Reform Party (PRP) may form some kind of alliance with Inkatha.

The main selling point for Inkatha is that because Chief Buthelezi is within the government system, the government would be loath to ban his organisation. (The government did, however, ban an Inkatha circular published last year.)

White liberals are not the only people interested in Inkatha. Two banned black organisations, the African National Congress (ANC) and Pan Africanist Congress (PAC), are both in contact with Chief Buthelezi. The Nigerian government also is keenly interested.

Chief Buthelezi, who speaks out against apartheid (separate development of the races), already is a well-known and respected leader internationally.

Since last year's violence Inkatha has increased its appeal to South African whites. PRP thinks its white members would not be alienated if the PRP formed an alliance with Inkatha because Durban, the city where most Inkatha members work, saw minimal disturbances in its black townships last year, compared to Cape Town and Johannesburg. Ray Swart, PRP leader in Durban, said, "I would rate the invitation of Chief Buthelezi to form an alliance with PRP as the most important thing we have to decide."

An alliance would be less than a merger. Mrs. Helen Suzman, one of the PRP lead-

ers, pointed out in a recent interview with this correspondent that union of the two movements was impossible under the Improper Interference Act, which ruled that political parties could not have members of different races.

(She said, however, that the PRP could have a loose alliance or association with Inkatha, as Chief Buthelezi has suggested.)

Inkatha is the only black organisation in South Africa that has a constituency. There are 70,000 paid-up members, according to Gibson Thula, Inkatha's principal urban representative.

About one-eighth of the members are non-Zulus, mostly Tswanas in the Free State.

Chief Buthelezi's trip to Nigeria last October was paid for by the Nigerian government. While there, the Chief met with Oliver Tambo, leader-in-exile of the ANC.

"We don't necessarily agree with their (ANC's) strategy," said Mr. Thula.

He insists Inkatha does not operate in secrecy (the government was informed of the meeting with Mr. Tambo) because secrets eventually would come out and Inkatha would lose credibility. "We want to go in the front door," he said.

Still, the government is worried about what Inkatha is doing. Members recently have been interrogated by the security police.

With Nigerian, ANC, and PAC backing, it is conceivable that Inkatha could be recognised by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

In an attempt to spread its influence, Inkatha last month put out the first issue of a newspaper called the Nation, South Africa's first black-owned newspaper. (The highly reputable "black" newspaper the World is white-owned.)

Financial backing for the Nation is being sought from

Nigeria, the United States, church organisations.

To counteract the fact its base is in predominantly rural Zululand territory, Inkatha is promoting a Black Unity Front meeting in mid-February, where it would be one of several black interests represented.

Dr. Maurice Nyembeni, is helping to organise meeting, says it may be in the black homeland of boma.

Other sources say this might be chosen because Lobowa leader, Dr. Cedric trudi, is wavering on the issue of accepting Transvaal independence. (That former homeland was granted independence by South Africa last October, but no other country has recognised its pending status.)

Inkatha's great weakness is its lack of ties with urban blacks who have transformed thinking over the year. Nevertheless, Inkatha possibilities should not be overlooked. A "branch" was opened in Nairobi, Kenya and Inkatha is active in S. land.

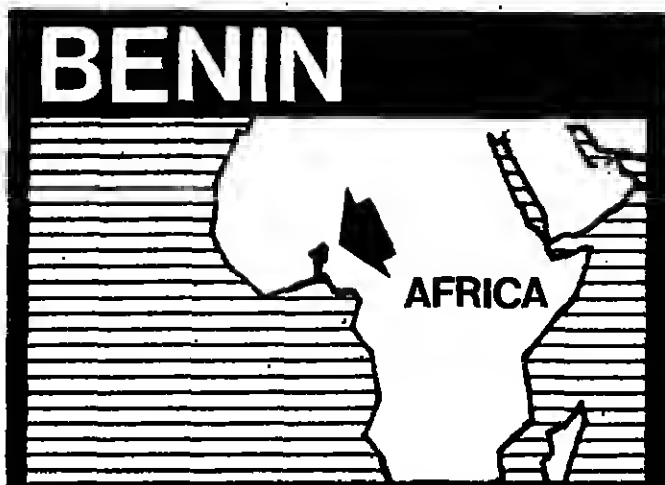
Said Mr. Thula, "the situation is so fluid. It's too late for the movement to die."

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U.S. dollar	333.0
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Swiss franc	132.7
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Lebanese pound	107.5
Syrian pound	81.6
Iraqi dinar	940.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1.147
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UAE dirham	85.1



Benin nationals hostile to the Kerekou regime are on the increase.

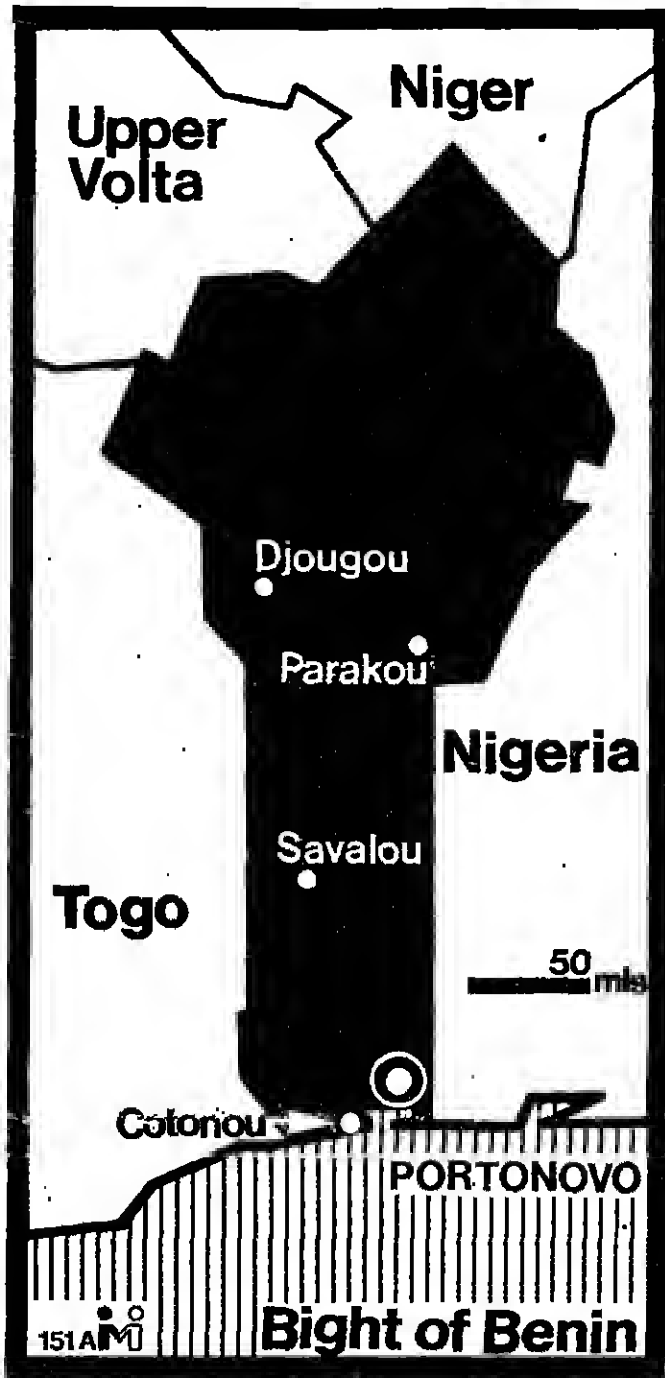
Several of the country's elite and diplomats fled the country when Kerekou declared Benin a Marxist-Leninist state in 1974; others when purges followed "plot discoveries" and when less educated northerners were given key posts in the civil service.

Before Kerekou, the civil service was virtually run by southerners. They are highly qualified and efficient administrators and have played important roles in France's administration of its former African territories. It is this, particularly, that keeps Benin healthy

Kerekou issued an ultimatum to self-exiled Benois to return to the country in four weeks or their estates and properties would be confiscated. Nobody responded and the government carried out the threat.

Thirteen prominent men were involved, including Emile Zinsou and his brother Rene. Earlier that year Prof. Rene Zinsou had escaped abduction by Benin government officials in Lagos (Nigeria), where he worked as administrative attaché at the Benin embassy.

This array of enemies thus makes it impossible to determine who was involved in the invasion. Sooner or later the blame will be laid on one co-



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EAST
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♦ A 10 8 7
♣ 4 9

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9
♥ A Q 10
♦ 6 2
♣ K Q 5 2

hiding:
West North East
Pass 1 ♠ Pass
Pass 3 ♣ Pass
Pass Pass Pass
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diamonds immediately. Unfortunately, the diamond jack lost to the ace and a heart was returned. Declarer's ten lost to the king and West forced out declarer's remaining heart stopper. When the diamond

ten did not drop in three rounds, declarer could muster only eight tricks—the defenders scored three hearts and their two minor aces. Declarer allowed his length

in diamonds to divert him from his main purpose—making nine tricks. With six tricks in the bag after the heart lead, declarer needed

only three more. While the diamond suit was the one to attack to produce four tricks, declarer didn't need

that many. The club suit guaranteed three tricks for, except for the ace, declarer had the next four ranking cards.

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to understand better what your partners expect of you and cooperate more with them. A situation arises that gives you a clearer picture of your position within the community in which you reside.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get busy and clear up unfinished business, duties so that the weekend will be free of worry. Get into policy matters with co-workers also. Plan the weekend well tonight.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: **OVER GENERATIONS**

Jumbles: YOUNG TIGER SPONGE PALATE
Answer: How the animal breeder accumulated his wealth—OVER GENERATIONS

THE BETTER HALF By Barnes

How about sticking that turkey on a toothpick — your brother would like on appetizer before dinner."

APOLOGY

The Jordan Times apologises for the non-appearance of the daily crossword. Our stocks have literally run dry, and in the meantime we're awaiting our next batch from our suppliers in the U.S. We shall resume publication as soon as it is humanly possible.

Assad: Geneva conference will be held, but war is still possible in Mideast

KUWAIT, Feb. 10 (R). — Syrian President Hafez Assad said in an interview published here today he believed the Geneva Middle East peace conference would resume this year though renewed war could not be discounted.

He told Al Ra'i Al Aam newspaper in reply to a question: "The Geneva conference will most probably be held this year, but we are still in the consultations stage. We are discussing the matter with the (Palestine) resistance movement and (Arab) brotherly countries."

"However, we simultaneously take into consideration that war is possible anytime," he added.

"While preparing to go to Geneva we are also making ready to wrest Arab rights by force..." the Syrian leader said.

Commenting on Syrian-Palestinian relations, President Assad said Syria would continue to co-operate with "all those working for the Palestine cause. We will continue to con-

der the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestine people and deal with it on these grounds."

In answer to a question on Syrian-Soviet ties, President Assad said: "We want to be friends to all, but while appreciating the importance of international relations we do not bargain on our pride..."

"It is on equal footing and mutual respect that our friendship with the Soviet Union was established. The Syrian president, whose country maintains a sizeable part of the Arab peace-keeping force in Lebanon, said Syria's presence in the neighbouring state had the "strategic aim" of re-establishing stability, security and unity in it.

He affirmed that Syria would not allow the partitioning of Lebanon and was doing all within its power to avert "any Israeli danger" to southern Lebanon.

"It is customary for us not to succumb to threats or blackmail," President Assad said.

Egyptians vote on new law-and-order measures

CAIRO, Feb. 10 (R). — Egyptians today queued quietly in polling stations throughout the country to vote on tough security measures introduced last week by President Anwar Sadat.

The final results are expected to be announced tomorrow. The referendum is seen as a test of popularity and confidence in the Egyptian president following two days of bloody riots last month over food price increases.

The measures would allow violators to be sentenced hard labour for life. They also provide prison terms for tax-evaders, but exempt small farmers and the poor from all taxes.

Well-informed sources said the Egyptian leader is bound to get an overwhelming majority of the valid votes, but almost the only point of interest is the percentage of voters endorsing the proposed law-and-order measures.

President Sadat needs only a simple majority of those who cast their ballots among the 9.6 million registered voters.

Interior Ministry officials said no incidents were reported at any of the 16,000 polling stations.

Prime Minister and Interior Minister Mamdouh Salem inspected polling stations in various regions.

Eyewitnesses noted a low turnout in the first seven hours of voting.

There were several posters hung in main squares and pictures of the president with captions reading "we say yes to law and order and no to sabotage and dissension." President Sadat has blamed "communists" and implicitly the Soviet Union for the riots.

The leftist party, the smallest of three political factions formed when Egypt ceased to be a one-party system last year has urged voters to reject the measures. Registered voters who fail to cast a ballot are subject to fines of about one pound (£1).

Juan Carlos has 75-minute audience with Pope

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 10 (R). — Pope Paul VI met King Juan Carlos of Spain here today and thanked him for his personal efforts to improve relations between his country and the Vatican.

In a speech after an unusually long 75-minute audience in the Papal library, Pope Paul also reaffirmed his support for moves in Spain towards personal liberty and democracy.

The Pope referred to negotiations under way on modification of the 1953 Concordat regulating ties between Spain and the Vatican in which the government has already renounced its right to nominate Spanish bishops and the church has agreed that priests may be tried by civil courts.

"For your efficient personal intervention in this field, we reaffirm to your majesty our sincere appreciation and gratitude," the Pope said.

The king is paying the first visit by a Spanish monarch to the head of the Roman Catholic Church for more than 50 years.

For centuries, the church has wielded immense influence over predominantly Spain, but Pope Paul was frequently critical of the dictatorship of the late Gen. Francisco Franco.

The Pope told King Juan Carlos that the church supported Spain's goals of "progress shared harmoniously through an equilibrium between social classes, in the development of a just climate of res-

Arab peace-keeping troops clash with Palestinians near Beirut

BEIRUT, Feb. 10 (R). — Palestinian commandos and troops from Lebanon's 30,000-strong Arab League peace force battered each other today in the first serious fighting since last December.

Eyewitnesses said the fighting raged in and around Sabra refugee camp alongside the road to Beirut International Airport on Beirut's southern outskirts.

According to peace force sources, the clashes involved troops of the peace force and Palestinian commandos supporting the hard-line Rejection Front which is opposed to any peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis.

A peace force statement, broadcast by Beirut Radio, said the Arab League troops intervened to contain a clash between commando organisations. It said the peace force came under fire and shelled the firing positions.

But details were vague. There was no immediate word here on casualties and it was not known which commandos were involved.

The peace force sources said fighting began at around 3 p.m. though it had eased two hours later, the road from the airport into Beirut was closed by Syrian special forces.

Peace force troops throughout Beirut were put on the alert and steel-helmeted troops closed the roads into Sabra to civilian traffic. At roadblocks elsewhere, motorists' identity cards were scrutinised closely.

According to Arab diplomatic sources, the peace-keeping forces were joined by troops of Saïqa, the Syrian-backed Palestinian commando organisation led by Mr. Zuheir Mohsen.

Today's fighting was the first involving troops of the peace force since Dec. 21, when they intervened to stop fighting between rival Palestinian commando groups in Shatila refugee camp, adjoining Sabra.

In the December clash, Saïqa commandos fought guerrillas of the Rejection Front, which is backed by Iraq and led by Dr. George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

One unconfirmed report here said today's clash began with

a fight between guerrillas belonging to rival factions of the PFLP-General Command, a group which broke away from the PFLP in October, 1968.

Meanwhile, several Israeli newspapers said today that a solution would be found in the next few days to the issue of Syrian troops stationed near the Israeli border in southern Lebanon.

Their correspondents, in almost identical reports from Washington, said U.S. and Israeli sources expressed optim-

ism at the probable end

The withdrawal of the forces around Nabatiyeh would take place in stages. The Syrians are placed by Lebanese as, the reports said.

The correspondents said the first Syrian troops would be withdrawn before the arrival in Israel on Tuesday of U.S. Secretary of State Vance.

Vance rules out any involvement in Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (Agencies). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today ruled out any American involvement in Rhodesia, military or otherwise, should international efforts to find a peaceful Rhodesian settlement fail.

Mr. Vance made the statement to Congress as he launched the Carter administration's attempt to persuade it to restore a ban on imports of Rhodesian chrome.

It was the first time the U.S.

has officially announced not to intervene in Rhodesia, however the situation there.

Meanwhile Rhodesia Minister Ian Smith flew to Salisbury today after a day in Cape Town with South African Prime Minister Biko, who called helpful and genial.

He told reporters at port in Cape Town he was the best chance for a settlement in the British colony lay in a nation of international initiatives.

But Mr. Smith would disclose his next moves towards a constitutional following his rejection of the latest proposal for leading Rhodesia to majority rule.

He said the issue was very delicate and other people were involved and implicated in the situation.

"I do not believe I will help us to achieve our future, but I will help us to achieve our objective. First and foremost, we want to try to succeed in our white minority government."

Mr. Smith flew to Cape yesterday and held talks with Mr. Vorster, Mr. Vorster would hold further talks with the respective cabinet members.

Mr. Smith said he believed the talks were very important and we tended to along the same line.

Arabs demand more positive EEC position on M.E. dispute

TUNIS, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Arab pressure mounted here today on the nine-nation European Economic Community (EEC) to adopt more "positive" positions on the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Tunisian delegate Ismael Khalil warned the EEC there could be no progress towards greater economic cooperation between Europe and the Arabs if there was no progress on political questions.

Mr. Khalil was opening a three-day session of the General Committee of the Euro-Arab Dialogue in Tunis. Taking part are representatives of 20 Arab countries and of the nine EEC nations.

Almost all of Mr. Khalil's 20-page speech was devoted to the Middle East dispute, hitting out at "the obstinacy of Israel in continuing its occupation of Arab territories." Some international powers encouraged this occupation while

others kept silent about it, he declared.

Mr. Khalil expressed disappointment over the EEC's agreements with Israel which were concluded on Tuesday. The agreements were made despite Israeli occupation of Arab lands and were helping Israel's development, the Tunisian envoy complained.

Mr. Khalil noted that the EEC had not undertaken any action to implement two of the principles it accepted during a preceding session of Euro-Arab dialogue in Luxembourg last May. These were that it was inadmissible to acquire territory by force and the need for the evacuation of occupied territories.

The contradictions between words and deeds weighed heavily on the atmosphere of the dialogue, Mr. Khalil warned. He also asked for clarifications on the meeting held in London

of community foreign ministers on Jan. 30 (at which the ministers refrained from publishing a statement on the Middle East at the request of the Americans.)

Mr. Khalil reminded EEC representatives of the "striking role" Western Europe should play on the world scene and called with insistence for "concrete steps" by the community. He acknowledged that the community had taken a number of "positive" positions during United Nations debates.

He added, however, that he was concerned over abstentions by some EEC nations during votes on some Middle Eastern resolutions.

Mr. Khalil made three proposals: — There should be Euro-Arab consultations at the U.N. — The Euro-Arab Dialogue should establish a political committee.

— The Arab World should take part in the coming summit conference on European security and cooperation in Belgrade this summer.

Replying for the EEC, British envoy Richard Faber stressed at length the economic importance the community attaches to the Euro-Arab Dialogue and expressed satisfaction over the improvement in prospects for peace in the Middle East.

On the political front, Mr. Faber noted that the EEC, in addition to the positions mentioned by Mr. Khalil, accepted the right of countries in the region to live inside safe and recognised frontiers and recognition of the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

He pledged that the EEC would do everything it could to convince the Israelis that truly peaceful intentions of the Arabs would contribute in large measure to the process of peace.

The committee then turned to questions concerning technical cooperation between Europe and the Arab World.

Cosmonauts take blood samples Salyut-

MOSCOW, Feb. 10 (R). — Two Soviet cosmonauts, samples of their blood, day in the orbiting station Salyut-6 to be after they come back. Tass news agency reported Yuri Glazkov and Space men Viktor and Yuri Glazkov station after reaching days ago in a capsule. The temperature in Salyut-6 today was 21 centigrade and the pressure was 765 mm.

The space station is in orbit since June 22

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

Japan concedes point in shipbuilding talks

PARIS, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Japan has told Western European delegations to shipbuilding talks here that it is ready to raise prices for vessels exported to Western Europe by five to ten per cent forthwith, reliable sources said today.

They said the offer was made by chief Japanese negotiator

Muneto Shashiki as consultations on ways to meet the consequences of the world shipbuilding slump continued for the third day running.

A six-month stalemate in a dispute between Japan and the European Economic Community over the dominating position of Japanese shipbuilders on the

world market was broken on Tuesday when Mr. Shashiki served notice that his government was ready to raise export prices and curb sales to the most severely stricken European countries until the end of next year.

The sources said that the proposed Japanese price incre-

ases would boost the profitability of Japanese yards and thus offset a likely loss of foreign contracts.

According to the same sources, Japanese trade unions had proposed that additional profits should be used to maintain employment by a further reduction of weekly working hours. Shipyard workers in Japan now have a five-day week of 40 hours.

The sources said the Japanese delegation had made it clear that Tokyo government would advise its shippers to restrain sales of new vessels to any Western European country faced with problems in the shipbuilding sector, provided the country concurred in requested bilateral talks with Japan.

Informed sources said EEC member countries were opposed to any such bilateral approach. The EEC has maintained a common front in the talks since the shipbuilding crisis was first raised within the framework of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

abia and his country opted for only a five per cent increase, "they did not give or receive any promises."

The UAE minister had been asked whether the two countries' decision had been linked with certain political or economic situations he said they had not been expecting any reward for their attitude.

Their position, he said, "was the result of a feeling of responsibility towards world economy and also in order to give a political chance to make industrialised countries to make more efforts towards seeking a solution for the Palestine problem."

UAE's Al Oteiba calls for quick resolution of OPEC price split

BEIRUT, Feb. 10 (R). — The United Arab Emirates petroleum and mineral resources minister called in an interview published here today for the speedy resolution of the two-tier oil price system now being used by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Any further delay in resolving the problem "would lead to political and economic complications for the structure of OPEC," the Minister, Dr. Mane' Said Al Oteiba, was quoted as telling the Beirut weekly magazine Al Hawadess.

Dr. Al Oteiba was quoted as

saying "we should see to it that this new situation will not lead to the collapse of OPEC or the creation of a deep split in its structure."

He added that "this situation cannot continue because it creates problems in the oil market for consumers, producers and oil companies."

Dr. Al Oteiba described as "hasty" the decision by 11 OPEC countries to increase their oil prices by 10 per cent. He said faithful efforts should be made to return to a unified price.

He emphasised in reply to a question that, when Saudi Ar-

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices managed a moderate rally Thursday on the New York stock exchange where the industrial average gained over four points in moderate trading.

Prices were up since the opening and the rise was at its peak at the beginning of the afternoon. Investors responded to a variety of government indicators, including a dropoff in the number of people out of work because of natural gas shortages.

Advances outnumbered declines at the close by a slim 727 to 704 margin. Most groups of shares ended the day on a mixed note, such as nixes where Mohil lost 2 points at 63-7/8. Dupont gained 1-3/8 at 129-1/4. At the close the industrial average shows at 937.92, a gain of 4.08 points. Transp at 226.97, a gain of 1.03; utilities at 107.17, a loss of 0.77. 22,340,000 shares changed hands, of which 3,880,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market moved slightly higher Thursday after a cautious opening although trade remained light, dealers said. At 15.00 the F.T. index was up 1.5 at 399.4.

Shorts rose by around 1/2 point, although one issue rose by 1-1/8. Longer dated issues were 1/4 to 3/8 point higher, dealers added. Leading industrials saw gains ranging to 8p but most rises were in the 1p to 3p band, and a few shares remained easier on balance.

Oils were steady to slightly harder after an easier opening and banks also put on a penny or so where changed.

Mining shares were off the top in places after a firm session as the gold hullion price came off slightly at the afternoon fixing. Australians remained mixed.

Unlevered led the rises among leading industrials with an 8p gain while ICI, Beecham, Hawker and Glaxo all added 4p to 6p. 5. Courtauld, AP Cement, Lucas and Dunlop gained 2 or 3p each while on the downside, falls of 1p to 3p were seen in Bowater, Marks, EMI, GEC, GKN and Tubes.

Dalgety lost a net 13p after interim results today and Reckitt and Colman reduced an earlier 7p gain to 3p after news of a proposed joint U.S. pharmaceutical venture with Morton-Norwich Products Inc. of Chicago, dealers said.

Price of gold in London closed Thursday at 135.85.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

ABU DHABI, Feb. 10 (R). — The economic chief of the Arab League today called for an Arab summit meeting to tackle what he described as the food crisis in the Arab World. The league's Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Mohsen Zalzal, said in an interview with the Abu Dhabi newspaper Al Itihad that to tackle the food situation at summit level "was vital because it is related to the economic security" of the Arab states.

KUWAIT, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Iranian Ambassador Rida Kassimi today flatly dismissed as "unfounded" press reports claiming that Iran has resorted to "dumping" practices to sell its crude oil following the split in OPEC over pricing. Ambassador Kassimi said oil-price selling of oil would be inconsistent with Iran's proclaimed petroleum policy and its attachment to unity inside the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

ROME, Feb. 10 (R). — Italy is hoping for a loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) of at least \$1 billion following measures aimed at solving the country's economic crisis, a senior Treasury official said yesterday. This would be about double the \$530 million it is entitled to receive from the IMF and which until recently had been regarded as the government's target.

KEELUNG, Taiwan, Feb. 10 (R). — About half of a 33,000-ton crude oil cargo has seeped from a grounded Kuwaiti-registered tanker off this northern Taiwan city, a navy spokesman said today. Bad weather was hampering salvage and clean-up operations. Officials involved in anti-pollution operations said damage to sea life and beaches around Keelung, the main port for Taiwan's capital of Taipei, was likely to be substantial.

TEHRAN, Feb. 10 (R). — A United States construction firm has offered to build major roads in Iran against payment in oil at OPEC prices, the government newspaper Rastakhiz said today. The newspaper, quoting Roads and Transport Minister Ibrahim Farahbakhshian, did not identify the firm but said the ministry was studying the offer. Iran for some time now has been trying to barter oil for arms. The only such deal concluded so far was with the British Aircraft Corporation (BAC) for the sale of Rapier missiles last December.

MADRID, Feb. 10 (R). — The government today authorised the opening of duty-free shops in Spanish airports with international traffic. Spain had been one of the few European countries without such shops.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 10 (R). — Children in the troubled black township of Soweto returned to school in large numbers today after police threatened tough action against any repetition of disturbances yesterday in which pupils hurled textbooks and urged classroom boycotts. Police patrolled the township near Johannesburg in strength and no incidents had been reported.

MARRAKESH, Feb. 10 (R). — A trial of 17 persons accused of being involved in an abortive uprising in Morocco in 1973 was postponed by the criminal court here today until Feb. 25. The 17 accused, who have been on provisional liberty for over a year, are said to be militants of the left-wing opposition party "Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires" (USFP).

KHARTOUM, Feb. 10 (AFP). — Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri yesterday reappointed Vice President Al Rashid Al Tahir Bar as Premier and head of the new cabinet, the Sudan News Agency reported here. Observers said that President Nimeiri would formally announce the formation of the new cabinet in a nation-wide radio and television address scheduled for tomorrow.

MADRID, Feb. 10 (AFP). — The Spanish Socialist Labour Party (PSOE) today became the first opposition party to apply for legal status. The party's application to the Interior Ministry was submitted following a cabinet decree two days ago modifying the law restricting political association.

COLOMBO, Feb. 10 (AFP). — The Sri Lanka parliament will be adjourned until May 18, reliable sources said here today. President William Gopallawa reportedly made the decision on the advice of Prime Minister Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike and an official announcement is expected later, the sources said. The surprise adjournment comes just seven days before parliament was due to debate an opposition motion of no-confidence in the government over handling of recent strikes in Sri Lanka.

MOSCOW, Feb. 10 (R). — Soviet investigators today arrested Yuri Orlov, leader of the most active dissident group in the Soviet Union, friends reported. Dr. Orlov, the third prominent dissenter to be rounded up in the past week, was taken into custody at a Moscow apartment the day after he returned to the capital from hiding in the country for a week.

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